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AF: motorcycle deaths on rise during '101 days'

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Trevino
Air Force Print News

Motorcycle riders account for more than half of the Air Force's safety-related deaths during this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, according to Air Force Safety Center officials at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Officials said there is an alarming trend in motorcycle accidents involving airmen, which have accounted for six of the 10 Air Force deaths so far during this year's safety campaign.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has had only one motorcycle safety incident and no motorcycle fatalities since the start of this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer, said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing Ground Safety manager.

While Davis-Monthan is keeping its numbers low, there has been much concern voiced about the lack of caution evidenced by the total force mishap numbers. Those who take unnecessary risks "think they are invincible," said John Russell, Air Force Safety Center Ground Safety chief.

"Most were single-vehicle mishaps with speed and failure to maintain control (as) the key factors," Russell said.

While motorcycle fatalities are a growing concern during the first one-third of the 101 critical days, the potential for deaths involving four-wheeled vehicles and work-

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Private fireworks prohibited at D-M, in Arizona

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

Celebrating our country's independence is a day that many look forward to. The celebration of our freedom has evolved into the excitement of a day of festivities ending with fire-

works displays. Watching professional displays and creating personal colorful firework displays are annual traditions for many families.

Every year, the excitement of the day and the fireworks is destroyed for thousands due to firework-related injuries. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported 8,800

injuries related to fireworks in 2002 (www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/012.html).

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base leaders recognize the dangers associated with personal use of fireworks and have put restrictions into

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D-M celebrates Independence Day

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will host a Fourth of July celebration Friday at Bama Park. This year's festivities offer activities for all ages including a fireworks displays and live entertainment. There will also be shuttle bus service available from Borman and Smith

Elementary Schools. Several roads will be closed at and around Bama Park (including all or parts of Picacho, Nuggat and Seventh streets, Craycroft Road and Alamo Avenue). Please allow plenty of travel time. For more information, see **Fourth of July** Page 19.



Col. Larry Stutzriem
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here**. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

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Take five minutes, avoid being part of an AF Safety Report

Lt. Col. Thomas Feldhausen
355th Wing Safety

Last week, I came into work, sat down at my desk, and fired up my computer, wondering how many e-mails I would be facing. One of the first ones I opened was the Air Combat Command operations report summary from the previous day.

As I read the first entry, I felt a sinking feeling pass through my body. A lieutenant colonel was on leave with his 13 year-old son in Idaho ... father and son spending a little quality time together that none of us get enough of.

The message didn't say exactly what happened, but there was a single car accident and both of them were killed.

Within the month, the safety report will hit my computer and I'll know what happened, but the details in the report won't cause the same feeling I had as I read about this tragedy. What I was thinking about won't be in the report.

My thoughts at that moment were on the mother and other child who no longer had a husband, dad, son or brother. This family was just like my own, and I could only imagine the emotional devastation of the family

members still alive.

But we don't talk about that in safety reports. Sometimes I wonder if we should. It's obvious that briefing the facts surrounding fatal mishaps haven't stopped them from happening.

When a commander stands in front of his troops and briefs in detail about the motorcycle accident that happened the week before and, within days, another motorcycle fatality caused by the same factors occurs, I know we're not making an impact. Maybe the message isn't personal enough. Or maybe we just don't take the time to think about how our decisions impact not only us, but those around us; our loved ones, family, friends and co-workers.

For the 101 Critical Days of Summer, the wing rolled out a program called "Take Five and Think About It." What is it? Simple. It's taking just a little time and thinking about what we're about to do. What could happen? What if I'm wrong? Knowing it's never too late to stop.

Here's an example: When you're out this weekend, having a great 4th of July weekend party and it's time to drive home, take a

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Stories also include units making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects. UPARs are responsible for getting the information to PA in a usable format and in a timely manner.

The PA staff focuses on issues that effect the base populace in general and UPARs judge the input for newsworthiness or unique human interest appeal before forwarding it to the PA staff.

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- ◆ Provide news ideas as well as write and shoot photos of squadron activities for submission to the base newspaper;
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Deaths

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related mishaps should not be discounted, he said.

"We want our personnel to enjoy their well-deserved recreational activities during this season. But, we don't want our folks to forget about assessing the risk in their activities. We have smart people; we want them to make smart decisions," Russell said.

People returning from deployment abroad face additional challenges, he said. "Many of our members are making plans to become reacquainted with their family and friends. The last time we experienced a 101 critical days period directly following combat operations was in 1991. That summer we lost 42 Air Force warriors in needless mishaps, twice the average of summer mishaps for the preceding five years," he said.

There are things people can do to avoid becoming accident victims during the remaining safety campaign, Russell said.

"Always assess the risk," he said. "If you have

uneasiness in performing a task or being a participant in an activity, evaluate it. There are risks associated with everything we do; positive results are achieved when we look at all risk factors and make smart decisions. This includes the Air Force mandatory motorcycle safety-training course and wearing your seat belt while operating a motor vehicle.

D-M is setting the example for others to follow through numerous efforts on the part of its motorcycling community.

"I personally believe we have the best riders in Air Combat Command and the United States Air Force. The formation of the Motorcycle Advisory Council and recent meetings of the motorcycle personnel on base show a tremendous effort on the part of our motorcycle riders to take care of themselves and work to teach new riders how to ride safely," said Barnes.

"Safety is an attitude that must be considered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Being responsible for our actions by making sound decisions is key to mishap prevention," Russell said. "Every member of the Air Force is vital to our nation's defense, and we must take the steps necessary to protect them from harm."



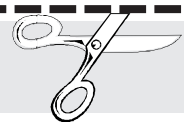
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Davis-Monthan Air Force Base motorcyclists prepare to go for a ride on base by putting on required safety equipment. Motorcyclists are part of a motorcycle safety course offered at D-M.

154 airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. (Information current as of June 27)

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News Notes

D-M facilities holiday hours

Many Davis-Monthan Air Force Base facilities will observe a holiday schedule in observance of the July Fourth holiday. To help avoid delays, call to verify facilities' hours prior to patronage. July 4 hours for several facilities observing a modified schedule are:

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Base exchange.....	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Cabanas.....	Closed
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Family child care.....	Closed
Fitness center.....	Closed
Haefner Fitness Center.....	Closed
Information, Tickets and Tours.....	Closed
Library.....	Closed

Legal evening hours

Evening legal assistance, which offers all services, is available the second Wednesday of every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-5242.

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D-M, national agencies partner to help ensure safety

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is an active partner of the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" campaign from Friday through July 13.

The campaign is a national effort to help reduce alcohol-related fatalities and injuries as we enter the Fourth of July holiday.

"Even in this year of hostile action in Iraq, the leading cause of death to our service men and women is motor vehicle crashes. As we welcome them (service members) back from Iraq, the last thing we want to lose them to is an impaired driving crash," said Chuck Hurley, Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign executive director.

The safety of D-M military and

family members is a top concern for D-M leaders and during the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" campaign 355th Security Forces Squadron and other D-M members will remain diligent in helping to reduce alcohol-related traffic accidents.

"In 2001, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 17,448 alcohol-related fatalities in 2001—41 percent of the total traffic fatalities for the year," said Hurley. "In the same year, more than 275,000 persons were injured in alcohol related crashes—an average of one person every two minutes.

"Young adults, particularly men

ages 18 to 34, are the demographic most likely to drive impaired.

"For this reason, [D-M's] participation in these crackdowns is essential to reducing the number of alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities among this group, as well as increasing awareness of the often-fatal consequences of driving impaired."

"You Drink & Drive. You Lose." is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in partnership with the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign, and endorsed by the United States Department of Defense. (Courtesy Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign)



vRED updates

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members are reminded to complete and or update emergency contact information using vRED. Updates must be made online through the virtual military personnel flight. Visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, click on vMPF icon and enter or establish account to review and update vRED information.

Air Force authorizes PCS short tour credit for deployments

By Master Sgt.
Randy Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center

A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change of station short tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations.

Eligible members must have been on temporary duty starting on or after

Sept. 11, 2001, for a minimum of 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area.

This credit is intended to reduce the chances of those airmen being sent as non-volunteers to an unaccompanied PCS short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment.

The change is an excep-

tion to current policy, which only authorizes short tour credit for members accumulating 300 or more days TDY overseas during a consecutive 18-month period.

This exception is not without precedent. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception to policy was approved to authorize PCS short tour credit to mem-

bers who served TDY in the area of responsibility for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990 to June 10, 1991.

It's the members' responsibility to request PCS short tour credit through the MPF, Personnel Employment Element at their permanent duty station. The request must be initiated after completion of the TDY voucher. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of TDY and if the location qualified for payment of hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

Fireworks

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place to protect D-M military, civilian and family members. "The individual use of fireworks on D-M [Air Force Base] is prohibited," according to D-M Air Force Instruction 32-2001. "Fireworks used during sponsored activities, such as the Fourth of July celebration, will be set up and discharged by properly trained and qualified personnel from a licensed commercial firm."

In addition to restrictions at D-M, members living or participating in festivities for the holiday off base must comply with Arizona state and county restrictions.

"All commercial fireworks in Arizona are illegal for private parties to possess," said Randall Tinnin, Tucson Fire Department inspector. "Even sparklers." Arizona is one of eight states in which no personal fireworks are

allowed according to the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

All legal displays of fireworks in the state of Arizona must be done by licensed professionals, with a permit from the fire department. The Tucson Fire Department will have two regular inspection teams on call as well as two additional teams on the Fourth to handle all calls of illegal fireworks, as well as looking for unauthorized backyard shows.

"People clearly don't realize that fireworks are explosives," said Tinnin. Fireworks present great dangers to children and adults unaware of safety precautions and their proper uses. "The tips of sparklers burn around 2,000 degrees," Tinnin said, giving an example of the threat fireworks present.

"The best option is to go visit a venue where a professional pyrotechnical operator is charged with the display," said Todd Canale, D-M fire inspector. "In the event fireworks are permitted, ensure manufacturer's recommendations are followed and combustibles (brush,

grass, trash, etc.) and flammables are a minimum of 50 feet away."

D-M will provide a professional fireworks display at Bama Park. The event will provide D-M members and families a safe and patriotic celebration. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and will culminate at 8:30 p.m. with a firework show synchronized to music.

The event is provided by the 355th Wing and will include a Kid's Zone with a children's disk jockey, castles, a climbing wall, face painting and more. More than 10 food, beverage and novelty booths will be available. Live entertainment is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. with recording artist Mercedes and music from Wrecking Crew Variety DJ.

For more information concerning the D-M Fourth of July celebration call 228-7352. For more information about firework safety visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site at www.cpsc.gov or the National Council on Fireworks Safety at www.fireworksafety.com.

Foglesong visits



Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark

Lt. Gen. William Hobbins (right), 12th Air Force commander, greets Gen. Robert Foglesong, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, after his arrival at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Friday. Foglesong was the guest speaker for the 12th Air Force enlisted call Friday.

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moment and ask yourself if you are safe to drive. Have you been drinking? Are you too tired? If you answer no, then ask yourself, "What if I'm wrong?"

And finally, if you do start to drive home and realize that maybe this wasn't such a good idea, knowing, "It's never too late to stop."

This weekend though, I'm going to ask you to do one more thing; not for me, not for the boss, not for the Air Force, not even for you, but for your family, friends and loved ones. I plan on doing it myself. Take one extra moment and think about how it felt to the wife and child I mentioned when the staff car pulled up the drive and the commander in his dress blues knocked on the door and told the wife that her husband and son were dead. That scene will never be described in the mishap report, but for me, it will hit home harder than any fact I read in the final report.

I wish each of you a fun and safe 4th of July weekend. It's a time to share with family and friends, and take a break from our busy schedules. But don't forget to take those five minutes and "Think About It."

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AEF Center rolls out improved 'Online' resource

By Capt. Amie Brockway
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

The Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va., recently launched an improved version of their Web site, "AEF Online," to help airmen learn more about the AEF and provide information about deployments.

"We've made the site more user-friendly and more pleasing to the eye," said Maj. Beverly Nozolino, AEF Center Systems Integration Branch chief. Our goal was to organize information to allow people to find what they need more easily and quickly."

AEF Online continues to offer airmen links to many deployment locations, checklists and requirements.

"AEF Online helps airmen better prepare themselves for deployment," Nozolino said. "They can also use the site to learn more about the AEF, including information about the AEF

Center, points of contact and useful tools."

Airmen will find more up-to-date information on the new site, she said.

"Based on feedback received from airmen across the Total Force, the AEF Center Web Team not only improved the usability of the site, it also added more relevant information," she said.

"The Web site is constantly evolving, seeking to incorporate contemporary and useful information regarding what airmen can expect when they deploy in support of current AEF operations," Nozolino said. "As the AEF enters a post-Operation Iraqi Freedom transition

phase, we think now is a good time to make sure airmen know where to go to get the latest news and information about the AEF and deployments."

"The AEF is how the Air Force intends to conduct 21st-century warfighting -- it's here to stay," said Brig. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, AEF Center commander.

"As the AEF continues to evolve, especially during very dynamic contingency operations like Operation Iraqi Freedom, getting the most current and relevant AEF information out to our airmen is a top AEF Center priority. Our newly revamped Web site, AEF Online, is intended to do just that. We encourage all airmen to visit the site and, if they have ideas on how to make it even better, don't hesitate to let us know," he said.

Airmen can access the new AEF Online from any dot-mil computer at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil>.

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— Brig. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski
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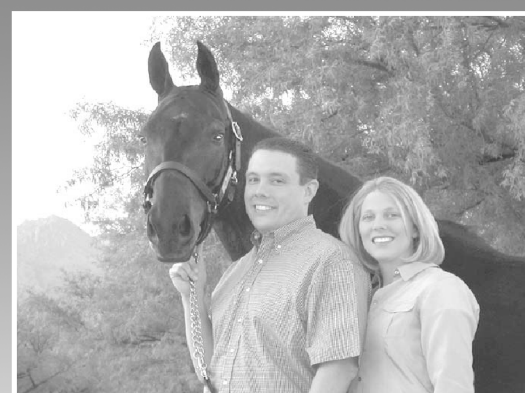
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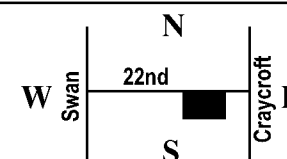


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Being an American

Those who look for it can see people showing pride to be citizens of this great nation

By Capt. Tim Heintzelman
86th Security Forces Squadron

I hear the word "American" and the first things that come to mind for me are the "Stars and Bars," the Bald Eagle and the Statue of Liberty. These are all signs of our great nation, and most of us can relate to these images. But what does it mean to be an American? With the 4th of

July holiday coming up, I struggled with this recently.

Three times a year — Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Fourth of July — we reflect on the sacrifices of the men and women who have gone before us. On these days, Americans come together to honor those who have done so much for our nation and who have united Americans through hardships.

September 11, 2001, should also have close to the same significance. With the unbearable grief it brought, a sense of unity began to emerge too. People were proud to be American even though they were going through one of our nation's roughest times. But does it take an event as devastating as that to produce Americans that are proud of their country?

After Sept. 11, the nation

rallied around the goal of combating terrorism. Then people began to take our presence in Afghanistan as routine, even as Americans were dying in this foreign country.

Next, the build up outside Iraq began. Anti-war demonstrations and debates took place regarding if we should go into Iraq.

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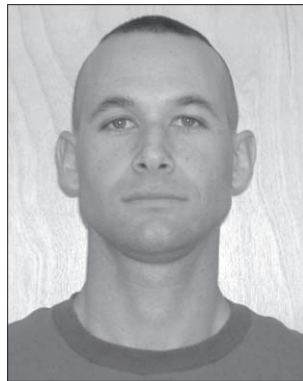
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How do you plan to celebrate the Fourth of July?



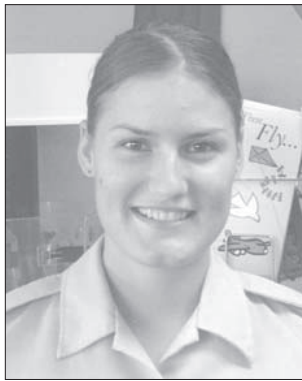
Lidia Romero
Wife of Staff Sgt.
Pete Romero, 355th
Security Forces Squadron

"My family from California is coming. We are going to have a barbecue and go to Casino Del Sol to watch the laser light show. While we're doing all this, my husband will be in the desert."



**Airman 1st Class
Bradley Boatman**
25th Operational
Weather Squadron

"Hopefully I'll be spending the Fourth of July with my brother, Lance Cpl. Matt Boatman of the United States Marine Corps if he is back from Iraq by that time."



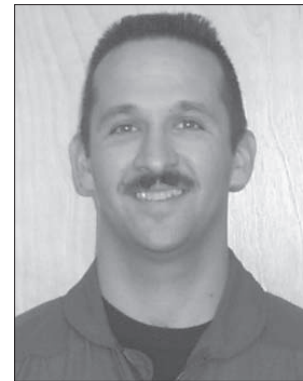
Airman Lyndsi Beck
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"My fiancé is coming to town from Nashville, Tenn. We will be planning for our wedding, which takes place in 28 days. We're going to go to the fireworks show in Bama Park and I'm going to show him Tucson."



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Faw
41st Electronic
Combat Squadron

"My family and I are planning to do the picnic at home thing, followed by the obligatory afternoon nap. We'll cap it off with the fireworks display at "A" mountain, providing it isn't cancelled due to fire-danger."



**Master Sgt.
Arthur Croteau**
43rd Electronic
Combat Squadron

"It will be the first time our 5-month-old daughter will see fireworks. We can't wait to see her reaction to the excitement ... from a distance of course - we don't want to scare her!"



**Airman 1st Class
Desirae Strybos**
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"For the Fourth of July, I'd like to go back to Texas, have a barbecue with my family and shoot off some fireworks in the pasture where we keep the cows ... they go nuts and it's a lot of fun to watch!"

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MDG sets new bar with innovative system

The InterSystems Corporation honored the 355th Medical Group with the 2003 Pioneer Award in May for innovative technology achievements within the Department of Defense.

According to Rogastan Ellis, 355th medial support squadron computer specialist, the annual award was presented to the 355th MDG information systems for its implementation of a program that has had a formidable impact on its organization.

"About two years ago, we decided we needed a way to track all medical referrals,"

said Ellis. The 355th MDG uses a program called CHCS that tracks the information on all of the happenings at the Medical Clinic and patient data including demographics, medical procedures, tests and pharmaceutical information. However, they did not have a separate way to track issues involving base personnel at off base facilities.

"We didn't want to have to re-input the data but wanted to design a program that would allow us to use the web based application to track information," said Ellis. "After working with a team from InterSystems

Corporation, we came up with the BOB-J (Business Objects) program which enables anyone at D-M to get real-time, minute-by-minute data on referrals."

The real-time data available to members of D-M includes a wide range of information from how long the referral has been out of the 355th MDG to the estimates of actual cost.

While the 355th MDG is the first to implement the BOB-J, 102 medical treatment facilities Air Force wide are currently scheduled to execute the program. *(Courtesy 355th Medical Group)*

American

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After we attacked, a sense of unity rose and most Americans were concerned for and proud of the fighting servicemembers.

Now that the war is over, many Americans again view our presence in Iraq as routine. Yet, you can pick up the paper almost every day and read about one of our fellow Americans dying in a country far from the borders of

our great nation. There are still wounded Americans transiting in and out of military hospitals, but because the "war" is over, you hear very little about them.

As I started writing this commentary, I began to wonder if we had lost sight of the true meaning of being an American. I also became disheartened the fact that maybe for Americans, patriotism and love of country had diminished. But, it is the little things I see as I look around me in everyday life that

remind me that it is still there.

You just have to look for it.

It is your 6-year-old daughter reciting the Pledge of Allegiance that she learned in school. It is the security forces members who ensure everyone sleeps well at night because they keep the base safe. It is the aircrew member who flies all night and unloads an aircraft in 100-plus degree heat. It is the teacher who makes sure that our children are prepared for the future. And, it is the mechanic who works dili-

gently to fix a vehicle or airplane so that the mission can get done.

I could go on and on.

Pride in America means so many different things to different people. Pride is an individual feeling and doesn't have to come from a life-changing event. Pride in being an American can be evident in even the smallest, most obscure places. I realized there are so many things that make me proud to be an American, but the question is — what are you proud of?

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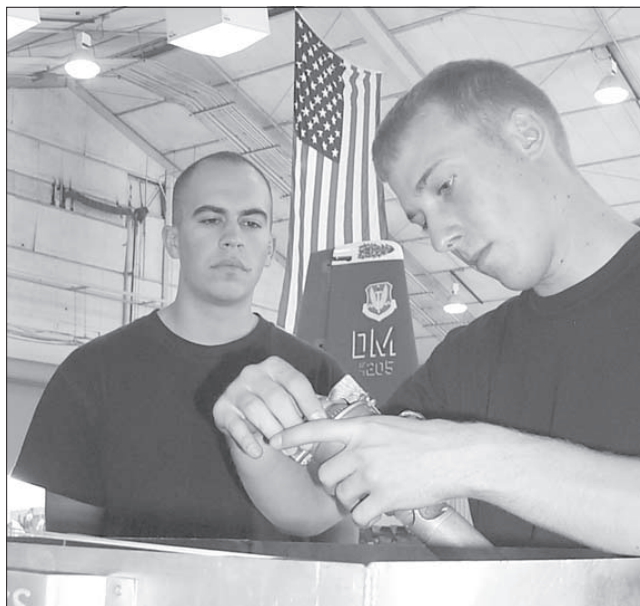
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Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Senior Airman Carlos Rodriguez
Organization: 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Duty title: Aircraft armament systems specialist
Hometown: Enterprise, Ala.
Years of service: Two years, 10 months
Reason for joining the Air Force: I joined the Air Force to serve and protect this great country.
Main responsibilities: To ensure A-10 weapons personnel are trained to the highest standard
Best aspects of job: The best aspects of my job

are seeing load crews I trained become load crews of the quarter or of the year.

Goals: My career goal is to get my college degree and become a chief master sergeant.

Hobbies/outside activities: Working on cars

Favorite thing about D-M: My favorite thing about D-M is that the weather here is great.

Best assignment: D-M is my first assignment and I have enjoyed it to the fullest.

Inspiration: My inspiration comes from my loving and supporting wife and family.

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Congratulations to the senior airman and staff sergeants who graduated June 19

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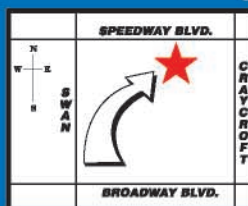


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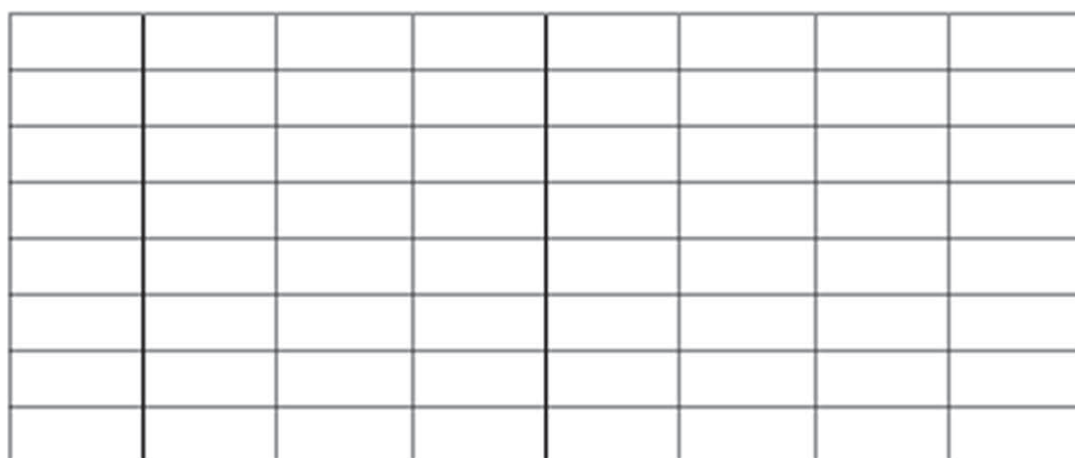


Safety scramble to educate, entertain

In order to solve the phrase scramble to the right, simply unscramble the tiles and place them in the empty boxes to form the complete message. Each phrase was taken from the Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241 Volume one, 12.22.3.4 Individuals. Answers will be published in the July 11 edition of "The Lighter Side."

While enjoying the challenge of the word scramble, let each message serve as a reminder that the importance of the Air Force's mission and inherent responsibility to the nation requires its members to adhere to higher standards than normally found in civilian life.

(Editor's note: "The Lighter Side" is a forum for all D-M members to submit original, previously unpublished Department of Defense, Air Force, 355th Wing and D-M comics, cartoons, photographs and humorous military stories and quotes. "The Lighter Side" is for entertainment purposes only. Political satire and altered photographs will not be published. Stories must be 100 words or less. Contributions for "The Lighter Side" can be made directly to the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office, Building 2300, Suite 2054, or through e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil. The editor can be reached directly at 228-5714.)



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Rumsfeld: cut safety mishap rates in half

Preventable accidents not tolerable in the DoD

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld challenged the military services to cut the number of mishaps by 50 percent in the next two years.

"World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents," Rumsfeld wrote in a May 19 memorandum to the heads of military departments and defense agencies.

The secretary sent the memo in response to recent hikes in Department of Defense mishap rates.

According to DoD safety officials, 82 military members died in aviation accidents in fiscal 2002, an increase of 17 from the previous year.

In addition, the number of aircraft destroyed in mishaps rose from 46 in fiscal 2001 to 63 in 2002.

Those figures do not include the 182 deaths due to the 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld's directive applies to all DoD agencies and includes active duty, Reserve and Guard military members, both on-and



Rumsfeld

off-duty, and all civilian employees.

The mishap rate reduction goal applies to all operations of aircraft, weapons, ordnance, motor vehicles, maritime assets and installations.

According to Air Force safety officials, the Air Force has not suffered a space, weapons or explosives Class A mishap since late 2001. Mishaps are defined as Class A if they result in death or permanent total disability, destruction of a DoD aircraft or cause \$1 million or more in damage.

"Our biggest fatality issues are off-duty motor vehicle accidents," said Col. Jeff Blanchette, vice commander of the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Despite ongoing safety awareness programs, such as the "101 Critical Days of Summer," airmen are just as susceptible to driving while impaired, while overly fatigued, with a lack of proficiency or while not paying enough attention to the task at hand

as other Americans, Blanchette said.

"We are a cross-section of society," he said. "We have significant societal issues that must be affected."

The Air Force already has several initiatives for alleviating aircraft mishaps, and officials are also looking into training and human behavior modification programs to address the off-duty motor-vehicle accident concern.

Blanchette said shortages in manpower and funding are limiting factors to diminishing both.

According to DoD safety officials, Rumsfeld's initiative includes developing a real-time mishap decision support system, applying commercial technologies on high-risk equipment and finding ways to implement "best practices" from both industry and other government agencies into DoD activities.

"These goals are achievable and will directly increase our operational readiness," Rumsfeld wrote. "We owe no less to the men and women who defend our nation."

"We are a cross-section of society. We have significant societal issues that must be affected."

— Secretary of Defense
Donald Rumsfeld

Don't wait to learn to wear seatbelts 'the hard way'

By Lt. Col. Colleen Murphy
5th Communications
Squadron

We all know we're supposed to wear seat belts, right? Then why do Department of Transportation statistics show nationwide seat belt use for 2002 at only 75 percent?

Apparently there are still a lot of people who don't understand why they should buckle up. I learned the hard way just how critically important it is to always wear a seat belt.

I'd like to share my story with you. I was lucky. I survived.

My brother and I were passengers in a Jeep CJ-4, driving through the streets of Albuquerque,

N.M., on our way to a ski resort. We never made it.

I remember opening my eyes to see a nurse sitting in the corner of the room. She looked into my eyes and said, "You're in Presbyterian Memorial Hospital. You've been in an accident. Your parents have been notified. They're on their way."

That was 20 years ago and I still remember those words as clear as if I had just heard them yesterday.

A car that ran a red light had broadsided us. I was ejected through the canvas roof and hit the roll bar on my way out. My brother was ejected out the side door, the force of the impact giving him a slight fracture of the skull and a slight

fracture of the spine. I was unconscious for about six hours and in pain for several weeks. My brother was unconscious for a day and in pain for a couple months.

The driver suffered a bruised knee. He had his seat belt on. My brother and I didn't.

My parents nearly lost their son and daughter that day. At that time it wasn't illegal to ride without a seat belt, just incredibly stupid. My brother and I were very lucky to live through the accident and to suffer no permanent injuries.

Needless to say, that day was a defining moment in my life. I've been a seat belt wearer ever since, as have my parents and brother. I don't ever

want to feel that kind of pain again. I never want my parents to get another phone call telling them their son and daughter are in intensive care in serious condition.

Wearing a seat belt is still the single most effective thing you can do to increase your chance of living through an accident and reducing any injuries you may suffer from an accident. Don't wait, like I did, to learn this good habit the hard way.

Buckle up - always.



Courtesy photo

Now confirmed by federal law, securing the seatbelt for yourself and ensuring each of your passengers is securely fastened can result in the difference of life and death in an accident.

\$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates (Krystine) - \$2 - New FC
Noon to 1 p.m. – Circuit Training (Cor) – Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics (Oralia) -- \$2 -- New FC
6:15 to 7 p.m. – Water Aerobics (Cor) – New FC
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) -- \$25/month -
- New FC

July 3, 2003

SPORTS

Fitness Center Classes

The following is a list of classes offered at both fitness centers. Instructor name (if known) is in parentheses. Class fee is listed if applicable. Other classes are free.

Monday

9 to 9:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – High Intensity (Amy) – New Fitness Center
11 to 11:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – Medium/High Intensity – (Deb) – New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates (Krystine) - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to Noon – Step Aerobics (Cor) – Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Cor) – Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. – Step Aerobics (Cor) – Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) – New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
7 to 8 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) – New FC

Tuesday

9 to 9:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – High Intensity (Amy) – New FC
11 to 11:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – Medium/High Intensity – (Deb) – New FC
11 a.m. to noon – Step Aerobics (Sonya) – Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. – Step Aerobics (Cor) – Haeffner
6:15 to 7 p.m. - Water Aerobics (Cor) - New FC
5 to 5:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) – New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) New FC
7 to 8 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (Adults) – New FC

Wednesday

9 to 9:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – High Intensity (Amy) – New FC
11 to 11:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – Medium/High Intensity – (Deb) – New FC
11 a.m. to noon – Step Aerobics (Sonya) – Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. – Step Aerobics (Cor) – Haeffner
6:15 to 7 p.m. - Water Aerobics (Cor) - New FC
5 to 5:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) – New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) New FC
7 to 8 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (Adults) – New FC

Thursday

10 to 11 a.m. – Senior/Low Impact Aerobics (Cor) – \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates (Krystine) - \$2 - New FC
Noon to 1 p.m. – Circuit Training (Cor) – Haeffner
5 to 5:45 p.m. - Water Aerobics (Cor) - New FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics (Myra) - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin – \$25/month - New FC

Friday (closed July 4)

9 to 9:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High Intensity (Amy) - New FC
11 to 11:45 a.m. – Water Aerobics – Medium/High Intensity (Deb) - \$2 – New FC
11 a.m. to Noon – Step Aerobics (Cor) – Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. – Spinning (Cor) – Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) – New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) New FC
7 to 8 p.m. – Dang Soo Do (Adults) – New FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics (Rumiko) - \$2 - New FC

Sunday

9:15 to 10:15 a.m. - Hi-Low Aerobics (Yvette) - \$2 - New FC

Reminder: Active-duty members enrolled in the Fitness Improvement Program have priority in free aerobics classes (per AFI 34-266, para 3.4). Videos are available for check-out at the new fitness center for use in the aerobics room. For more information about fees and class charges, see the flyer at the fitness centers, or call 228-0021 or 228-0022.

Sports Shorts

Sports training camps

The Air Force Sports Office is accepting Air Force Forms 303 for the following sports training camps (deadline to apply): men’s and women’s golf (Aug. 14); rugby (Aug. 29). For more information, call Jay Junsay at 228-0021, or Bob Gibson, at 228-0022.

Women’s soccer

Sonoran Thunder, the Tucson entry into the Women’s Premier Soccer League, has kicked off its 2003 season. Heidi Commins and Torri George, both from D-M, play in this league, which features teams from Colorado and throughout the Southwest U.S. Several home games are slated for the summer ... the next is July 12 versus the San Diego WFC. Games are played at Rillito Downs Park, just south of First and River ... kickoff is at 5 p.m. A special military admission rate for military member is \$5. For more information, call Commins at 228-2697.

Air Force Marathon

Registration is underway for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled to be held Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The registration deadline is Sept. 4. To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or toll free at (800) 467-1823.

Rock and Roll Sweeper

“Get your motor rolling” today at the D-M Bowling Center. The center will hold a four-game Rock and Roll Sweeper starting at 4:30 p.m. There will be jackpots and prizes awarded. The cost is only \$15 per person. While you’re at the center purchase a large fountain drink and you’ll receive a Fast Lanes “Scratch and Win” game piece and could be an instant winner.

Fill out the Fast Lanes entry form attached to each game piece for a chance to win NASCAR local prizes including a collectible NASCAR racing hood replica or an original autographed, framed and matted Ricky Rudd photo.

You could also win the grand prize NASCAR VIP trip to Atlanta Motor Speedway along with attendance at the Coca-Cola NASCAR Racing Family Reunion and a private dinner with NASCAR drivers. For more information, call 228-3461.

Scuba lessons

Outdoor recreation offers scuba lessons at the D-M pool July 12 and 13. A certified instructor with the National Association of Underwater Instructors with 22 years experience will teach two 4-hour sessions. Cost is only \$85 per person and includes all equip-

ment needed. Each session starts at 7 a.m. For more information, call 228-3736.

AYSO Registration Dates

The American Youth Soccer Association is registering children 4 1/2 to 18 for the summer season July 12 and Aug. 2 at Clements Center. Cost is \$55 per player, and includes shirt, shoes, socks and participation award. For more information, call 751-4604, or visit www.ayso217.org.

ACC Golf Championship

Take the run for the cup and a chance to travel to Omaha, Neb., by competing in the Blanchard Golf Courses Air Combat Command Golf Championships July 26 and 27. Tee times begin at 6 a.m., and there will be three flights with 80 percent handicap. Participants must have a current U.S. Golf Association handicap. All active-duty military, DoD civilians (including Nonappropriated and Appropriated Fund), Guard, reservists and retirees. Championship Flight is limited to active duty. Winners advance to play at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Aug. 26-30. Cost is \$30; carts cost an additional \$15. For more information, call 228-5879.

Trap, skeet range

Have some fun practicing your marksmanship with the “clay birds” this weekend at the trap and skeet range. The range is open Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. (note new changes). For more information, call 228-3736.

Family Dollar Days

The D-M Bowling Center presents “Family Dollar Days” every Thursday until Aug. 29. The center will have \$1 fries, shoes, games, nachos, and hot dogs all day long. For more information, call 228-3461.

Family Night Out

Every Wednesday, families can enjoy Cosmic Bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at D-M Lanes. Lanes are only \$10 for a two-hour lane rental or \$20 for a two-hour lane rental and a large one-topping pizza and pitcher of soda. Children younger than 16 receive their shoes for free.

D-M to L.A. Coliseum Race

A new fitness incentive program continues through Aug. 30. The program promotes the use of cardiovascular equipment, and challenges participants to cover 500 miles in three months. Participants completing the program will receive a T-Shirt and certifi-

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cate. Stop by the fitness center for details.

Outdoor pool

The outdoor pool is open with the following hours of operation:

Tuesday thru Friday; Lap Swim; 8 to 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday thru Friday; Open Swim; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday; Family Swim; 5 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday; Family Swim; 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays; Open Swim; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday; Closed

The outdoor pool's daily fees are as follows:

Child Admission - \$1; Children 2 & younger - Free; Adult Admission - \$2; Guest Admission - \$2.50; Lap Swim - \$1

Outdoor pool season passes are available for the following prices:

Individual Annual Pass: \$35. Annual Family Pass: \$80 (up to four family members). Each additional family member: \$5. NOTE: Season Passes do not include lap swimming, and are good for Regular Season only from 22 May - 10 Aug. For more information call 228-3736.

Scoreboard

Golf

Tuesday

(Standings current as of June 24)

Team	W-L-T-Pts
12 IWF	6-0-0-53.5
CS	4-1-0-43
12 AF #1	3-1-0-38.5
MSS/WG #1	3-1-0-34.5
LRS #2	3-2-0-33
SFS	1-2-0-17.5
AMXS/358 AMU	1-2-0-13.5
372 TRS/Det 11	1-3-0-22
CMS	1-3-0-19.5
SVS	0-0-0-0

Thursday

(Standings current as of June 26)

Team	W-L-T-Pts
MOS	6-0-0-61.5
SVS #1	3-2-1-40
25 OWS	3-2-1-37
EMS	3-3-0-37
612 ACOMS	3-3-0-31.5
MDG	2-3-0-30.5
75 OSS	2-3-0-30.5
79 AMU	2-3-1-24.5
MSS/WG #2	2-4-0-26
LRS #1	1-4-1-19.5

Softball

Monday/Wednesday

(FINAL STANDINGS)

Team	W-L
357 AMU	11-1
LRS #1	11-1
EMS	10-2
CMS #1	10-2
12 AF #1	9-4
OSS	7-5
755 OSS	6-6
162 MAINT	5-7
25 OWS	5-7
RQS	5-7

Tuesday/Thursday

(FINAL STANDINGS)

Team	W-L
SFS	11-0
EMS #2	9-2
358 AMU	9-2
CONS	9-2
755 AMXS	8-3
CES	7-4
CMS #2	6-5
AGE 162	5-6
DECA	5-6
MDG	5-6

Bowling

Tuesday Night Trios

(Week 4)

Team	W-L
Wilson Express	20-12
Banged Up	20-12
Greased Lightning	20-12
The Sandbaggers	19-13
Team Talkin'	18-14
The Bud Kings	18-14
MO/2 Good Lookin Guys	16-16
Sally's Gang	16-16
Maria's Odd Squad	14-18
Going Postal	13-19
2 Da Bar	12-20
The Pin Monkeys	6-26

Youth/Adult

(Week 4)

Team	W-L
The Fabulous Falks	38-10
The Handicaps	29-19
Great Balls of Fire	26-20
Bowlers Anonymous	26-22
The Marvin Martians	26-22
The 4 Zs	22-26
Daddy's Angels	14-34
The Roller Ballz	11-37

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Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. Location is at the Desert Dove Chapel unless otherwise noted. The Desert Dove and Hope Chapels share the parking lot at 5385 E. Ironwood. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and women's, men's and family ministry, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m.

Education Services

Park University

The Fall Term 1 begins August 11 for on base classes. Registration for all on base and Internet classes begins July 14. On base registration forms and payment must be accomplished no later than Aug. 8 in order to avoid the \$20 late fee. For Internet registration, payment must be paid at the time of registration. For more information, call 748-8266.

PIMA Community College

Effective July 1, Pima Community College official transcript fees increased to \$5. Official transcript request should be addressed to Transcripts, Pima Community College, 4905 E. Broadway Suite 220, Tucson, Ariz., 85709-1120. Starting with Fall 2003, the tuition will increase to \$42 per credit hour. Register now for fall classes. For more information, call 206-4866.

Military records

Veterans may now obtain military records information from the National Personnel Records Center by accessing the following Web address: http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/index.html. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may use the new online system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online Web site. This capability is particularly important for retired Troops to Teachers registrants who are having difficulty locating a copy of their DD-214 Member Copy 4.

Commissioning briefings

The July commissioning briefings are Wednesday at 9 a.m. and July 24 at 2 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more informa-

tion, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Closed July 4

The family support center will be closed Friday and will reopen Monday during regular business hours. In case of emergency, call the Command Post at 228-7400.

Apprenticeship and employment

The family support center sponsors a workshop Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266 for individuals interested in learning a trade, earning an income and moving into a well paying job through Arizona's Apprenticeship Program. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Interview workshop

The family support center conducts monthly interview workshops to help prepare for job interviews. The next workshop is July 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Car buying basics

If you are considering buying a new or used car, start with an informative seminar and learn the basics of car buying presented by a former car salesman July 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 250. Topics will include: car buying terminology, things to avoid and helpful resources. Be prepared before you step on the car lot. To reserve a seat, call 228-5690.

Sponsor training

Sponsor training classes help sponsors get new arrivals off to a positive and productive start and reduce member and family relocation stress. No matter how many times a member has moved, a genuine effort to assist and welcome someone is always appreciated. The classes help the sponsor to know what information to provide to newcomers. Sponsor classes are held the second Wednesday of each month in Building 3200, Room 266 from 8 to 9 a.m. and are open to military and DoD employees. Sponsorship duty training is mandatory for first time sponsors and for those who have not served as sponsors during the past year. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

First 6 Advisory Council

The First 6 Advisory Council provides a platform enabling the enlisted force to express opinions and make suggestions to improve morale and quality of life. While the council's target population is airman basic through technical sergeant, all are welcomed to attend the meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the

enlisted club. For more information go to the Intranet and select First 6.

Thrift shop

Davis-Monthan Thrift Shop, located in Building 3220, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are taken until 1 p.m. To reserve space for large items and furniture, call 228-2120.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 748-1157.



Friday and Sunday, 7 p.m.: Matrix Reloaded

(R) Neo, Morpheus, Trinity and their crew continue to battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix. Now, more are waking up out of the matrix and attempting to live in the real world. As their numbers grow, the battle moves to Zion, the last real-world city and center of human resistance. *2 hours, 18 minutes*

Saturday, 2 p.m.: X2: X-Men United

(PG-13) The X-Men have opponents new and old to face this time. Magneto is back but this time, he seems to be offering the X-Men his help to defeat a mutual enemy. But is it just another scheme in his efforts to seek revenge? In addition, there is also a threat to Professor Xavier's school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko who has it in for Wolverine. The students must work with the X-Men in order to fight for their existence. *2 hours, 14 minutes*



Saturday, 7 p.m.: Daddy Day Care

(PG) When a father, played by Eddie Murphy, loses his lucrative Internet job and finds himself in jeopardy of financial ruin, he joins his friends in opening a free-spirited business in Murphy's home. The "guy-run" gig is called "Daddy Day Care" and all of the events are much to the chagrin of the owner of a more traditionally-operated rival center. *1 hour, 33 minutes*



OFFICERS' CLUB
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The Mirage Officers' Club in July 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club: 748-0660 Club Closes Mon & Tues at 2pm Lunch: M-F 11am-1pm Dinner: Wed-Thurs 5:30-8pm Sunday: Brunch 1030am-1pm 6 No Sunday Brunch Today Sunday Brunch! Members \$12.95 1030am-1pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch dishes! Kids 6-10, \$3 & under Eat FREE	Barber Shop: 748-8968 M-F: 8am-5pm Monday Lunch Chef's Choice! Club Closes 2pm Mondays	Tuesday Lunch Smorgasbord Buffet Club Closes 2pm Tuesdays Members First DOLLAR DAYS 15 ACC DOLLAR DAYS! Breakfast Only \$1 7-9am (Members Only)	Members receive up to a \$2 discount per person for lunch or dinner. "It Pays to be a Member!" Wednesday Lunch BBQ Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Dinner 5:30-8pm \$13.95 (mbrs receive a \$2 discount) Kids eat for \$3.95 16 Due to ORE Club Closes 2pm No Evening Dining	Thursday Lunch Carved Roast Beef & Ham Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens at 4pm Social Hour 5-6pm 17 2-4-1 Steak/Chicken Fish Night \$14.95 Members night only 5:30-8pm	Join us for lunch Mon-Fri 11am-1pm 4 CLOSED 5 CLOSED Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens at 4pm Enjoy Social Hour Food 5-6pm 6:45 Club Bucks Drawings! Hot dog, hamburger or 16oz domestic beer only \$1!	Members First SMALL SERVICES

For current information on Services activities, check out our WEBPAGE at www.dmservicesonline.com

Services Activities

Fourth of July

There is a Fourth of July celebration tomorrow at Bama Park and the ball fields starting at 4:30 p.m. with plenty of activities planned including a Kids Zone with a kid's disc jockey, castles, climbing wall, face painting and more. There will be over 12 food, beverage and novelty booths and live entertainment featuring Yada Yada and renowned recording artist Mercedes and her band. Recorded music from the Wrecking Crew Variety DJ will be playing the latest hits throughout the event. The celebration will conclude with a magnificent fireworks show synchronized to music at 8:30 p.m.

The event is provided by the 355th Wing with concession booths provided by D-M private organizations. On-base shuttles will be available from both elementary schools from 5:15 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Maps will be available on the backside of Fourth of July flyers available throughout services activities June 27 and the July Services Magazine. Coolers and pets are not allowed. For more information, call 228-3841.



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Cashier Hours: T-F: 11am-5pm Office Hours: T-F: 9am-4:30pm TOP 3 Lounge: Fri: Opens 3pm 6 No Sunday Brunch Today Don't Forget Sunday Brunch at the O'Club 1030am-1pm CLUB CLOSED SUNDAYS Cabanas Open 1-8pm	Shock Wave Lounge: Mon: Closed Tues: 4-9pm Wed-Thurs 4-11:30pm Fri: 3-11:30pm Sat: Closed Sun: Closed CLUB CLOSED MONDAYS Cabanas Open 10:30am-8pm Cabanas has Frozen Yogurt by the cup or cone for only .95 cents! CLUB CLOSED SATURDAYS	Cabanas 747-3234 Mon: 10:30am-8pm Tues-Thurs: 10:30am-9pm Fri: 10:30am-10pm Sat: 1-10pm Sun: 1-8pm No Evening Dining July 16 & 17 - ORE Shock Wave Lounge Taco Wed! FREE tacos 5pm Shock Wave Lounge Karaoke 8-11pm & M.U.G. Nite!! 7-11pm Bring your own mug for \$1 refills! Your choice of Domestic Draft, Soda or Juice (up to 32 oz) Members First DOLLAR DAYS 15 ACC DOLLAR DAYS! Breakfast Only \$1 7-9am (Members Only)	Eat at The Mirage O'Club Lunch Served: Mon-Fri 11am-1pm Dinner Served: Wed & Thurs 5:30-8pm Wrecking Crew DJ 7-11pm Rotisserie Chicken Lunch Special Every Thursday at Cabanas! Only \$3.95! Ladies Night! 7-9pm Reduced Drinks for ladies! Shock Wave Lounge 4-11pm	4 Club & Cabanas Closed 4th of July! Shock Wave Lounge 3-11:30pm Monte's Open 5-11pm ShockWave Lounge Social Hour Food 5-6pm Karaoke 8-11pm Wrecking Crew DJ 4:30-7:30pm Club Bucks Drawing Every Friday 6:45!	Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat: 8am-1pm 748-8710 Cabanas Open 1-10pm Specials for our under 21 members! DM Members under 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages 1/2 price! Maintain your DM "Z" membership & get credit toward your 21st birthday party at the club! CLUB CREDIT AMOUNTS: 3 months = \$75 6 months = \$150 1 year or longer = \$300	

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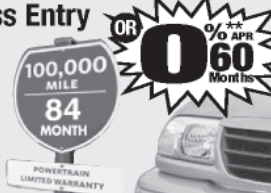
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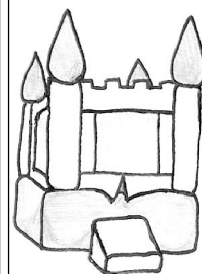
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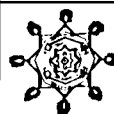
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